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The following is a statement by David L. Widell, deputy director of California State Parks' Off-Highway Motor Vehicle Recreation (OHMVR) Division, following his meeting Tuesday, May 8, with representatives of the Sierra Club and Environmental Defense Center regarding the Oceano Dunes State Vehicular Recreation Area:

"My interest in asking for the meeting with the Sierra Club and Environmental Defense Center, which I made prior to their notice to sue, was to provide me with the opportunity to meet these organizations face-to-face and hear their issues first hand.

"I believe the meeting was productive in the sense that they provided me with some historical context of the issue, and it allowed us to get to know one another on a more personal basis. We agreed there would be at least one subsequent meeting to discuss technical and legal issues. We are looking forward to that discussion."

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